

Astwood and Hardmead Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

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I would just like to add my thoughts about the Neighbourhood plan for Astwood. Development in the locality seems to be rife now (Cranfield and the new proposal South of Newport Pagnell show houses erupting here there and everywhere) but without the relevant infrastructure I can see this leading to real problems in the future. Already the drains are overflowing with excess run off water, the doctors are asking clients to change surgeries as a new influx of 'locals' pushes out people that were welcomed 6 years ago and so it goes on.

Having sensible and sustainable development, in keeping with the village that Astwood is, is in my belief absolutely crucial and this is why I have been a strong supporter of the work that has gone into the plan so far.

Of course change is necessary, but we need change that works, not a change that further adds to existing problems.

For this reason I fully back the plan which allows for sensible and methodical building work to be sympathetically inserted within the village.